

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

**Listing of Claims**

1.- 20. (Cancelled)

21. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus comprising:  
first and second client computers comprising ~~first and second operating systems, respectively, and~~ first and second thin client user interfaces, respectively, ~~wherein the first operating system is a Unix based operating system, and wherein the second operating system is a non Unix based operating system;~~  
a server computer comprising a memory storing an object manager, wherein the object manager is in data communication with a plurality of business objects, each business object of the plurality of business objects ~~containing~~ comprising logic, wherein the object manager is configured to control and monitor the business objects, such that the object manager handles requests to access the business objects from ~~the~~ client computers;  
wherein the first and second client computer systems are configured to transmit first and second requests, respectively, to the server, via first and second session based network connections, respectively, wherein the first and second requests comprise first and second data, respectively, entered into the first and second computer systems, respectively, via the first and second thin client user interfaces, respectively;  
wherein the first and second requests are processed in accordance with first and second business objects, respectively, of the plurality of business objects;  
wherein the object manager is configured to receive first and second results of processing the first and second requests, respectively, in accordance with the first and second business objects, respectively;

wherein the object manager is configured to forward the first and second results to the first and second computers, respectively, via the first and second session based network connections, respectively.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the object manager is a multi-tasking, multi-thread process.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the first thin client user interface ~~comprises an ActiveX~~ operates according to a first type of thin client user interface technology.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein second thin client user interface[[s]] ~~comprises a JAVA~~ operates according to a second type thin client user interface technology, wherein the first type is different from the second type.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
an object manager receiving first and second requests from first and second client computer systems, respectively, via first and second session based network connections, respectively, wherein the first client computer system comprises a Unix-based operating system, and wherein the second computer system comprises a non Unix-based operating system, wherein the object manager is in data communication with a plurality of business objects including first and second business objects, each business object ~~containing~~ comprising distinct business logic, wherein the object manager is configured to control and monitor the business objects; and

when the first and second requests are received by the object manager from the first and second client computers, respectively, via first and second session based network connections, respectively;  
processing the first and second requests in accordance with business logic of the first and second business objects, respectively;  
returning to the object manager first and second results of processing the first and second requests, respectively, in accordance with business logic of the first and second business objects, respectively;  
the object manager forwarding the first and second results to the first and second client computers, respectively, via first and second session based network connections, respectively.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 28 wherein the first request from the first client computer is encrypted.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 28 further comprising authenticating the first and second requests prior to processing the first and second requests.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 28 wherein the first business object is a sales business object.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 31 wherein the second business object is a customer service business object.

33. **(Cancelled)**

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28 wherein the first client computer ~~comprises an ActiveX~~ operates according to a first type of thin client user interface technology ~~through which data of the first request is entered.~~

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34 wherein the second client computer ~~comprises a JAVA thin~~ operates according to a first type of thin client user interface technology, wherein the first type is different from the second type.